



## Automobile sports and fun at the Int. 56th Hill Climb Race Osnabrück on 3-4 August

The legendary Uphöfener Berg track near Osnabrück in northwestern Germany will welcome top European hill climb racers on 3-4 August for the Int. 56th Hill Climb Race Osnabrück. There will also be various activities for fans and families in the paddock.

### A top quality international grid

Up to 160 drivers from around 15 countries will compete in national and international championships on the 2.030 km track. These include the German, Luxembourg and (for the first time) the Belgian hill climb championships and, last but not least, the final of the prestigious FIA Int. Hill Climb Cup 2024, the second-highest championship series in Europe.

"The Osnabrück hill climb is one of the most well-known in Europe," says Bernd Stegmann, Chairman of the Organising Committee at MSC Osnabrück e.V. "We are proud that so many top drivers from different countries are once again coming to us with their spectacular cars to offer our audience a weekend of exciting motorsport. And our supporting programme will entertain the entire family."

### European champion Christian Merli from Italy under pressure

The reigning European hill climb champion Christian Merli from Italy has been a regular guest and crowd favourite at Uphöfener Berg for years. Last year he was forced to withdraw after hitting a tyre stack in his majestic Osella FA 30 Judd LRM, and he is keen to do better this year. He is facing particularly strong competition: France's Geoffrey Schatz is fighting him hard in the European championship and will also be aiming for overall victory at Osnabrück in his Nova NP 01-2 C Honda Turbo. In this gripping French-Italian duel even Merli's track record of 49.817 seconds from 2022 might be up for grabs. Last year's winner Marcel Steiner from Switzerland will be taking the start in his completely redesigned LobArt V-ERA Helftec-Honda Turbo. He will also aim for the top step of the podium again.

### Other top sports racers

There are two more Swiss drivers in the prominent 3-litre class of sports racers: Robin Faustini (with a Nova NP 01-2 Honda Turbo this year) and Joël Volluz (Osella FA 30) completed the podium in 2023. Frenchman Sébastien Petit, reigning FIA Int. Hill Climb Cup champion (Osella PA 30 or, potentially, a completely new car), and Alexander Hin from the Black Forest, who has been doing well in the European championship in his Osella FA 30, are also sure to be contenders for the top places in the overall standings. Belgian sports racer champion Bruno Cazzoli is also getting faster and faster in his Nova Honda NP 01 and has his sights set on a top position. Luxembourg's Tommy Rollinger can also be expected to set fast times in his Osella FA 30. In the 2-litre class, Austria's Christoph Lampert wants to shine again with the Nova NP 01-2 Hartley Turbo. Last year, he rewarded himself with an excellent fourth place overall. The reigning Luxembourg champion Canio Marchione will be hard on his heels in his newly built Osella PA 2000.

Ambitious local heroes include the experienced driver Patrick Rahn from Detmold (Dallara T-02 World Series 3.0) and the young Bastian Voss from Delbrück (Tatuus Formula Master).

### **Touring car highlights**

Powerful touring cars including the impressive "mountain monsters" are crowd favourites every year. Porsche GT, Porsche Carrera, Mitsubishi Evo, BMW Z4 GT3, WRC-Skoda, Lotus Elise, Lamborghini Gallardo or Lamborghini Huracan - the names of the cars alone promise the breathtaking sound that the renowned racing drivers from Italy, the Czech Republic, Austria and other countries will elicit from them on the race track. Swiss driver Ronnie Bratschi will be aiming to break his own touring car record of 57.338 seconds from 2019 in the Mitsubishi Lancer Evo7 RS. Another one to watch is Austrian racing professional Michael Fischer in his unique-sounding BMW Z 4 GT 3.

Legendary classic cars include the "Prinz" racers in the NSU Bergpokal as well as various youngtimers such as the Opel Kadett C, VW Golf 1 - 5, VW Polo, Ford Escort, BMW 2002, BMW 320, Audi S 1 or Audi 80. KW Berg-Cup will showcase a large number of them, above all the ultra-fast VW Scirocco of the reigning German hill climb champion Erwin Buck.

Local drivers in the touring car category include first-time hill climber Theo Oeverhaus from Osnabrück, 2023 Rookie Champion in the Porsche Carrera Cup Germany. He also currently competes in the Porsche Super Cup as part of the Formula 1 World Championship and will race at Uphöfener Berg in his Porsche GT3 Cup.

### **11th E-mobile Hill Climb Cup**

Around 25 entrants will be competing in the 11th E-mobile Hill Climb Cup for electric and hybrid vehicles, including prestigious brands such as Jaguar, Maserati or Porsche Taycan. Cars impress with their elegance, their enormous acceleration on the starting straight and the drivers' consistency of performance in the regularity competition.

This is also a round of the 5th German Hill Climb E-Cup. Andree de Weerd is currently leading the season standings with his Mini Cooper SE. However, multiple Cup winner Michael Starke with his Porsche Panamera will certainly try to chase him down in Osnabrück.

### **An attractive supporting programme for all**

Celebrity guests are looking forward to meeting the fans: Lina van de Mars, TV presenter, motor sportswoman and musician, presents the new Chevrolet Corvette, and skating pioneer Titus Dittmann from Münster comes with the original Ford GT 40. Both offer exclusive passenger thrill rides on the race track, with proceeds going to Titus Dittmann's Skate-aid foundation.

As is typical for hill climb events, petrolheads will appreciate the opportunity to prowl the paddock, where drivers will often be available for a quick chat and a photo opportunity between runs.

There will be various activities for fans young and old, including an ADAC Weser-Ems bouncy castle in the design of an ADAC helicopter. ADAC Weser-Ems will also be presenting the work it does for young people.

Spectators should not miss two very special cars which look quite similar but represent almost opposite ends of racing history: the Formula V, a classic racer from the 1960s which now takes part in historical circuit events, and the Formula Voltage, presented by Batterie24, an electric racing car inspired by said 1960s formula racers but with ultramodern, future-oriented electric technology under the hood.

Passenger thrill rides will also be available on the Audi Pikes Peak and the "Red Pig", the Mercedes Benz 300 SEL 6.9 from the Erdbrügger team, or the BWT AMG GT 3 from Team Mücke. Auto Nagel and the 9 Mile Aventador will present spectacular Lamborghini super sports cars.

## Livestream of the Int. Osnabrück Hill Climb Race

For those who cannot be present at Uphöfener Berg there will again be a professional international livestream of all practice and race runs on Saturday and Sunday:  
[www.osnabruecker-bergrennen.de](http://www.osnabruecker-bergrennen.de)

## Timetable

Saturday 3 August, 8.00 - around 18.00: practice runs

Sunday 4 August, 8.00 - around 17.30: race runs, followed by the podium ceremony

## Tickets

Online under [www.osnabruecker-bergrennen.de](http://www.osnabruecker-bergrennen.de) or on the gate

## Further info

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